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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF OPTIMUM AUCTION USING NETWORK SERVICE

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

KIM, DAE-YEOL

Examiner

MOHAMMAD Z. SHAIKH

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/14/11.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3, 6, 15-18.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Ella Colbert/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3694

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 3, 6, 15-18 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below, should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for the examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney Min Song (Telephone# 1-203-702-7102) on 06/13/11.

The application has been amended as follows:

The newly amended claims, including the changes made by Examiner's amendment are presented below:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An optimum lease auction method by using a network through which a lessor receives a payment from a lessee and an auction item is leased, the optimum lease auction method comprising the steps of: connecting a first terminal of a lessor, a second plurality of terminals of lessees, an auction trading intermediary server installed with an intermediary program, an insurance agency and a settlement agency to the network including the internet;
receiving a plurality of lease criterions from the lessor via the network and storing the received lease criterions in a lease database, wherein said lease criterions includes a property to be leased, a lease schedule, lease conditions, evaluation particulars,

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evaluation methods, evaluation reference marks, and evaluation priority ranks;
receiving a plurality of rent criterions from the plurality of lessees via the network and
storing the received rent criterions in a rent database, wherein said rent criterions
includes at least one of desired rent periods, rent schedules, and a bid prices;
generating a plurality of lease configuration groups for every possible combinations of
participating lessees, wherein said lease configuration group is formed by combining a
plurality of lessees in a sequence throughout the provided lease schedule, without
overlapping the rent schedules of each combined lessees, and irrespective of individual
bid prices;
calculating a plurality of individual bid values for each of the participating lessees by
multiplying the bid price of the participating lessee by the rent period provided by the
corresponding lessee;
calculating a plurality of group values for each of said lease configuration groups by
summing the individual bid values of the participating lessees belonging to each of the
given lease configuration group;
selecting an optimum lease configuration group, via the network, wherein the optimum
lease configuration group has ~~having~~ the highest group value, ~~wherein the selected
optimum lease configuration group conforms~~ conforming to the lessor's evaluation
method, evaluation particulars, evaluation reference marks and evaluation priority ranks
~~to the fullest extent possible~~;
informing the lessor and the selected optimum lease configuration group members
about the optimum lease group selection result and their status as successful bidders,

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using at least one of an e-mail, an advanced record system ("ARS") service or a short message service ("SMS");

finalizing a plurality of lease contracts between the lessor and the lessees of the optimum lease configuration group by allowing the lessor and the lessees to verify and confirm the previously entered lease criteria and the rent criteria, wherein said lease contracts are stored in a contract database;

receiving verification information from the terminals of the lessor and the lessees of the optimum lease configuration group regarding statuses of lease payments, security deposits and transfer of lease property, and transmitting the verification information to the insurance agency and the settlement agency, wherein the verification information is stored in a trading database; and analyzing the lease database and the contract database to find remainder of lease period available for additional lease, and performing additional auction events while available lease period remains.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The optimum lease auction method of claim 1, wherein when the lessor separately assigns a lease determination date for each desired lease date when inputting the lease criteria or discretionarily sets the lease determination date prior to a predetermined date, the auction trading intermediary server terminates auction events sequentially by applying the individual assigned lease determination date as a basic reference; when each applied renting date applied by the lessee is consecutive or inconsecutive within a range of a preset transfer period of the property to be leased, said each applied renting date is treated as one rent application and a first starting date

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is determined as a representative date of a consecutive renting period for which a lease determination period is applied conjointly; and when the applied renting dates by a plurality of lessees are overlapped with each other and are affected with each other, the auction trading intermediary server controls the lease determination date of the corresponding lessees to be set at the lease determination date of a lessee assigned with a first precedent lease determination date among the lessees in order to apply a relative comparative evaluation with respect to conditions of the corresponding lessees according to a predetermined reference mark, so that an optimum lessee is evaluated and selected by flexibly adjusting the lease determination dates set by the lessor according to the applications of the lessees.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The optimum lease auction method of claim 1, wherein when the lessor inputs a condition of the lease trading in that the lease takes place over an entire available lease period without a restriction or for each divided period of the entire available lease period and various other lease conditions including a unit price based on the lease period, a lowest lease price, a minimum lease period, a surcharge rate, and a discount rate and evaluation methods, the auction trading intermediary server stores the inputted condition of the lease trading, the various other lease conditions and the evaluation methods into the lease database, allows the plurality of lessees to re-divide one of the entire available lease period and the divided periods as much as necessary and selects the re-divided period; and when the lessee inputs rent criterions, the central

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processing device stores the rent criteria into the rent database and evaluates a status of the bidding in overall according to each separated condition to allow one of a person and a combined group providing an optimum condition to be selected as a successful bidder.

7. (Canceled)

8- 14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The optimum lease auction method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of: providing a schedule table in the form of a calendar, wherein the schedule table shows the lease schedule, the rent schedules of the currently selected optimum lease configuration group, and an auction proceeding schedules; updating the schedule table in real-time as a new perspective lessee enters the auction or the pre-existing perspective lessees modify the rent criteria; and displaying the updated schedule table on the terminals of the lessor and the lessees throughout the auction proceedings to promote the perspective lessees to change the rent schedule or increase the bid price.

16. (Previously Presented) The optimum lease auction method of claim 1, wherein the lease criteria of the lessor and the rent criteria of the lessees include a plurality of conditions for transferring the title of the lease property at the end of the lease schedule in consideration of depreciation in the leased property.

17. (Previously Presented) The optimum lease auction method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of: analyzing the rent criteria of lessees stored in the rent database to generate an optimal chain of sequence for transferring the lease property

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directly from a preceding lessee to a subsequent lessee without having to return the leased property back to the lessor, thereby reducing the distributing costs and maximizing the total duration of lease period; re-evaluating the optimum lease configuration group stored in the evaluation database in consideration of the optimal chain of sequence; and informing the lessor, the preceding lessee, and the subsequent lessee of the transfer and collection methods through at least one of an e-mail, an ARS, or a SMS, so that transferring and collecting of leased property is facilitated in a controlled manner.

18. (Previously Presented) The optimum lease auction method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of: displaying an icon on the terminals of the lessor and the plurality of lessees for allowing the lessor and lessees to modify the lease criteria and the rent criteria during the auction proceedings before the contract is finalized for a given lease period; requesting the lessor and the lessees to modify the lease criteria and the rent criteria for modification allowable lease period when the lessor or the lessee selects the icon displayed on their respective terminals; and updating the lease criteria stored in the lease database and the rent criteria stored in the rent database upon receiving the modification from the lessor and the lessee, so that the auction proceeding is carried out with the modified lease criteria and rent criteria.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's amendment of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record, US 2004/039678 to Fralic discloses, " An optimum lease auction method by using a network through which a lessor receives a payment from a lessee and an auction item is leased, the optimum lease auction method comprising the steps of: connecting a first terminal of a- lessor, a second plurality of terminals of lessees, an auction trading intermediary server installed with an intermediary program, an insurance agency and a settlement agency to the network including the internet (claim 1) and receiving a plurality of lease criterions from the lessor via the network and storing the received lease criterions in a lease database, wherein said lease criterions includes a property to be leased, a lease schedule, lease conditions, evaluation particulars, evaluation methods, evaluation reference marks and evaluation priority ranks (Fig 5C, Fig 5F, Fig 5G, Fig 7; [0056]). Fralic further discloses receiving a plurality of rent criterions from the plurality of lessees via the network and storing the rent criterions in a rent database, wherein said rent criterions includes at least one of a desired rent periods, rent schedules, and a bid price ([0010], [0011]).

Fralic does not disclose, "generating a plurality of lease configuration groups for every possible combinations of participating lessees, wherein said lease configuration group is formed by combining a plurality of lessees in a sequence throughout the provided lease schedule, without overlapping the rent schedules of each combined lessees, and irrespective of individual bid prices". Fralic also does not disclose " calculating a plurality of group values for each of said lease configuration groups by summing the individual

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bid values of the participating lessees belonging to each of the given lease configuration group and analyzing the lease database and the contract database to find the remainder of lease period available for additional lease, and performing additional auction events while available lease period remains”.

For these reasons, claims 1, 3, 6, 15-18 are deemed to be allowable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MOHAMMAD Z. SHAIKH whose telephone number is (571)270-3444. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (9:00-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Abdi can be reached on 571-272-6702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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